Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 27 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 27 Mar 2021 at 04:22 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold, occasionally bright conditions through much of the weekend and for milder, wetter weather through Monday and at least morning on Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 27 Mar 2021: Bright or sunny with a few light showers. Turning wet and very windy later.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	10%	10%	20%	80%	90%

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Weather: A cold, frosty start for most areas with a few lingering snow showers west of the A9, but otherwise bright and often sunny. Sunshine will turn hazy through afternoon ahead of outbreaks of rain (snow above 600m, rising to munro level by midnight) spreading eastwards on strengthening winds.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% around dawn, soon increasing 90%. Falling to virtually no chance from the south and west from late afternoon.

Visibility: Away from any light snow showers through morning, and as areas of cloud around 400-500m lift and break, visibility will be excellent. Very little cloud expected below summit level until cloud lowers widely from the south and west later, generally to 300-500m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	33/38 W	26/31 W	27/33 W	28/35 SW	46/55 S	56/67 S	54/65 S
900	23/28 W	21/26 W	23/28 W	22/29 SW	32/40 S	39/51 S	37/48 S
600	18/28 W	16/23 W	18/27 W	15/25 SW	20/34 S	25/44 S	25/43 S
300	7/18 W	10/21 W	12/23 W	11/22 SW	10/22 S	10/26 S	13/32 SW
Glen	4/14 W	12/24 W	13/24 W	12/22 SW	12/26 SW	14/30 S	17/35 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-5/-15	-6/-15	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-14	-2/-12	-0/-10
900	-3/-11	-3/-11	-2/-9	-1/-9	-1/-10	0/-8	1/-7
600	-1/-7	0/-6	2/-4	2/-3	1/-5	2/-5	3/-3
300	1/-2	4/-0	6/2	5/1	4/0	4/1	5/1
Glen	2/-0	4/0	7/3	6/3	5/1	5/1	6/2
Freezing Level*	300m	400m	400m	500m	600m	900m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling bitterly cold on highest ground in the strong winds. Be aware of rapid deterioration through later afternoon. Winds increasing to 80mph across highest ground after dark.

Forecast for Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Weather: Heavy overnight rain and summit snow will clear eastwards to leave a bright or sunny morning with only the odd passing shower. Best conditions expected through morning as milder air spreads from the southwest through afternoon to bring widespread cloud and some rain (falling as snow above 900m at first), especially across the western ranges. The Angus and Aberdeenshire Hills will stay predominantly dry and bright.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 30-40mph gusting 50mph, perhaps a 60mph on most exposed ground.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% falling to 10% at best through afternoon.

Visibility: Excellent through morning with distant views on offer but some areas of cloud are likely above around 700m. These will thicken and lower through afternoon as milder air arrives, with bases falling to 500m or below. Snowfall will also lead to visibility of less than a few hundred metres on highest ground and rain will leave glens quite hazy.

Temperature: **Glens:** 2-4C rising 8C and eventually 10C through evening as milder air arrives.
At 800m: Minus 2C rising to plus 3C through evening.
Freezing level: 600-800m rising well above summits later in the day.

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